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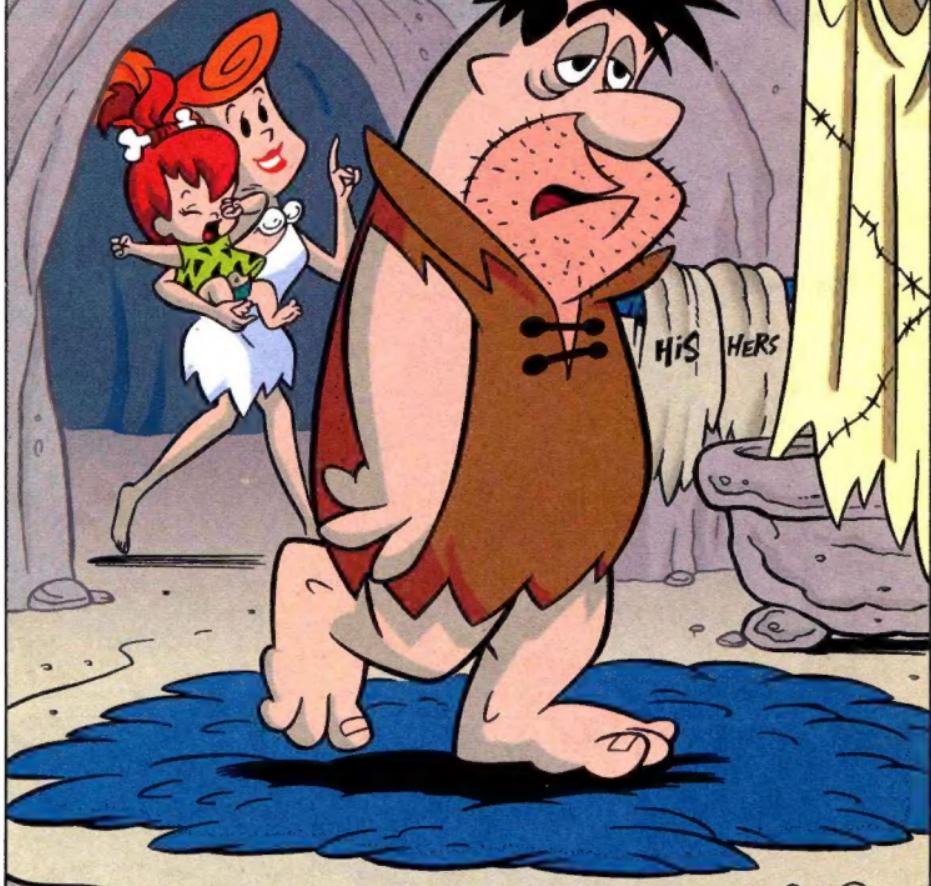
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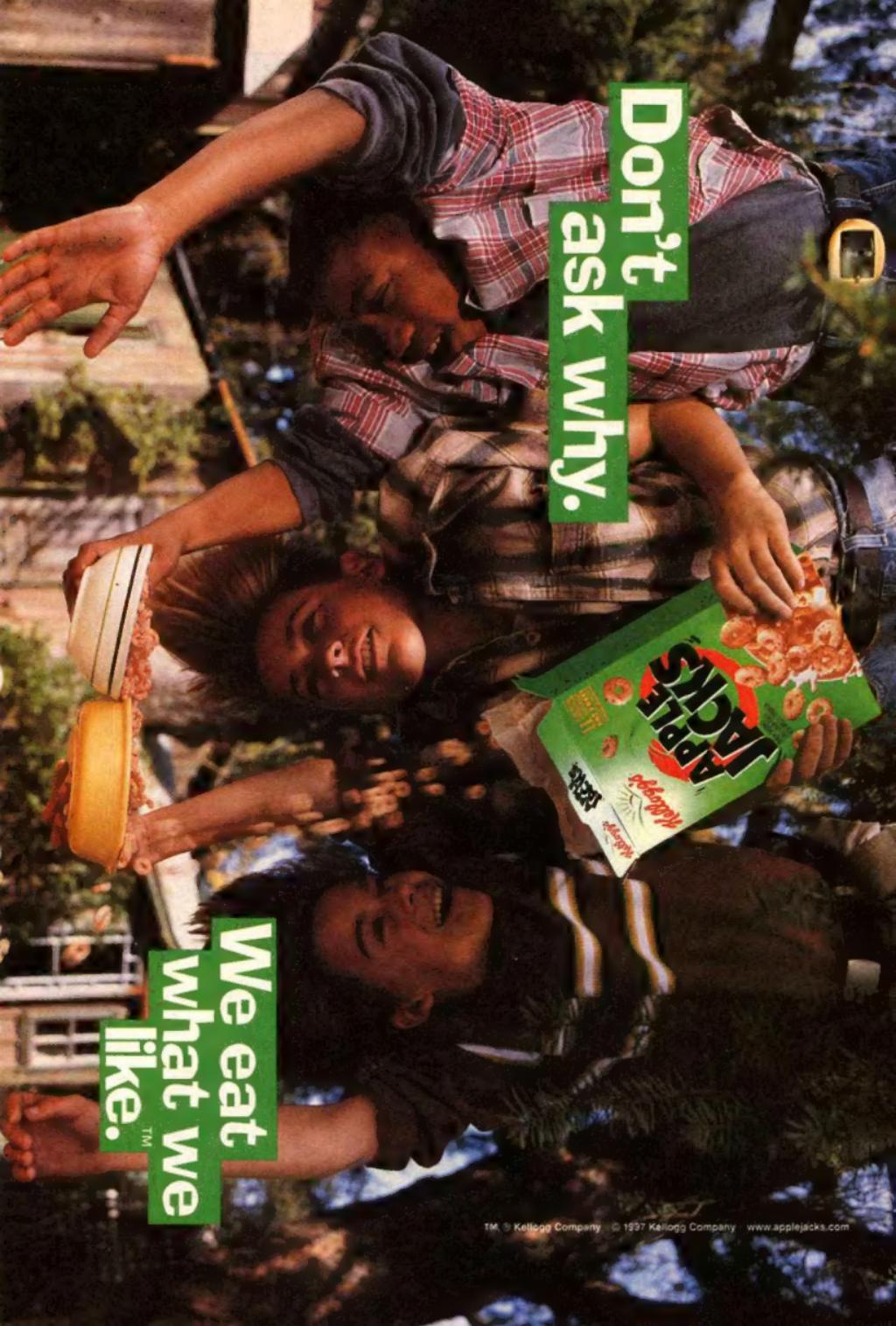
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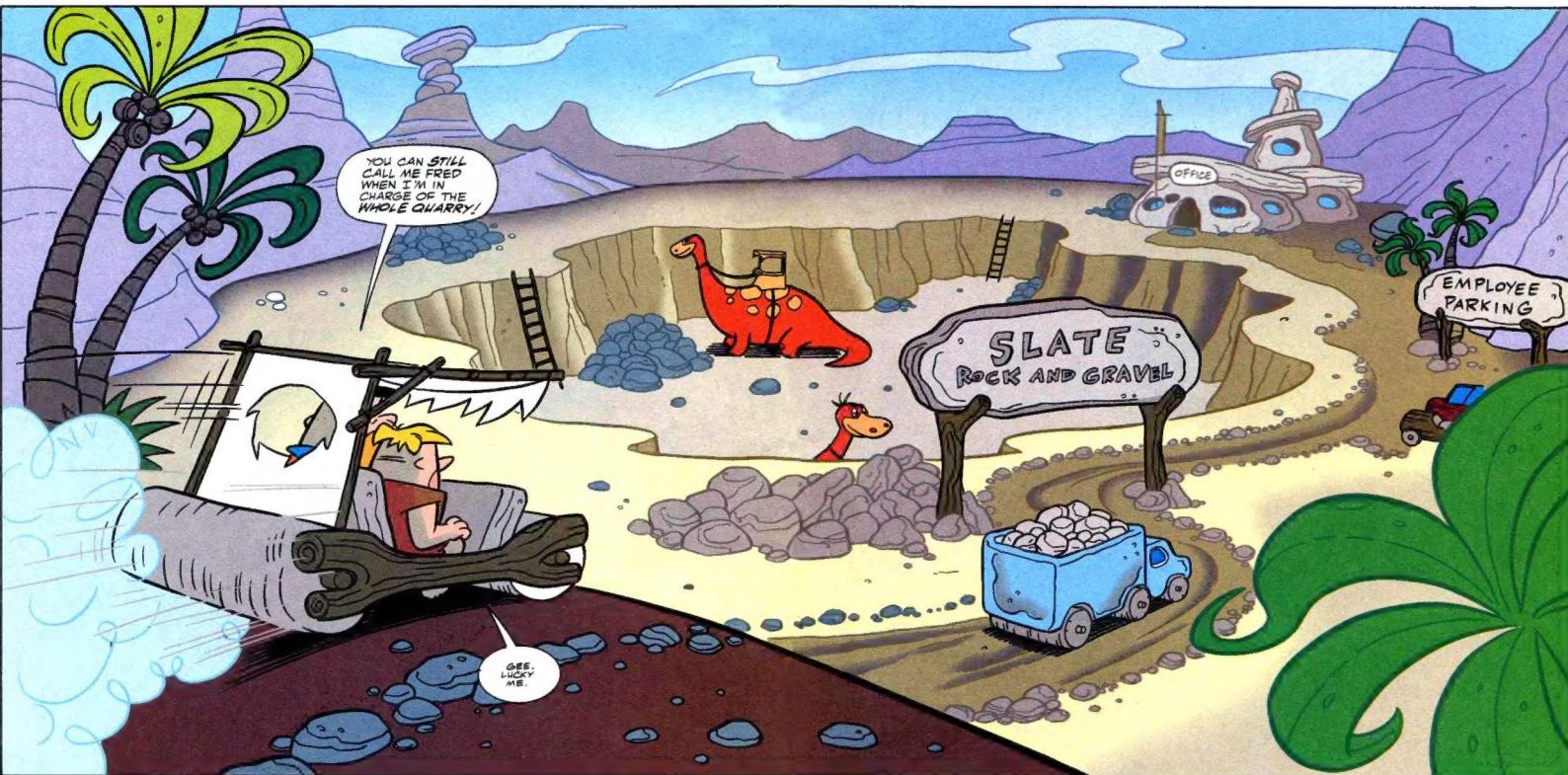




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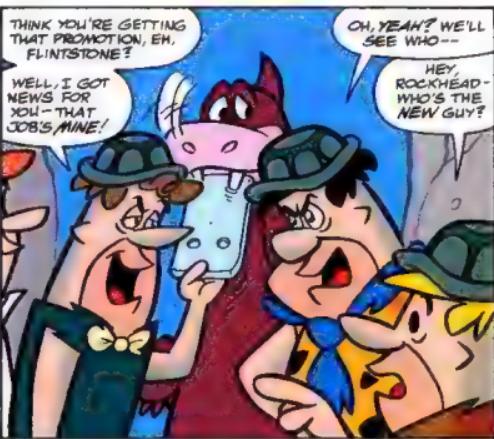
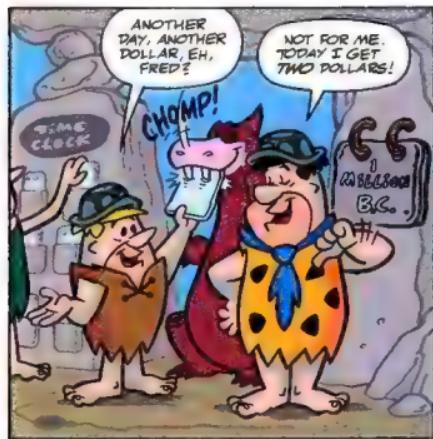
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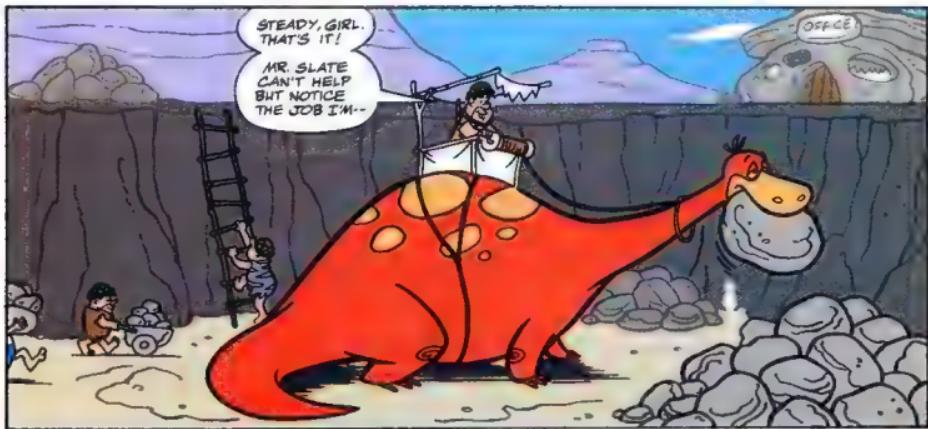
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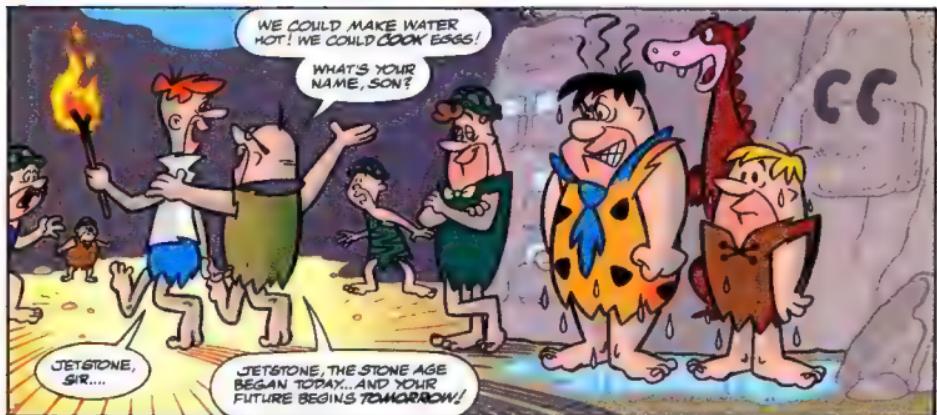
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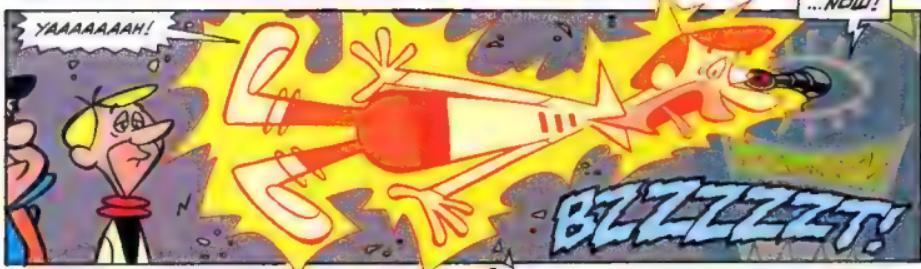












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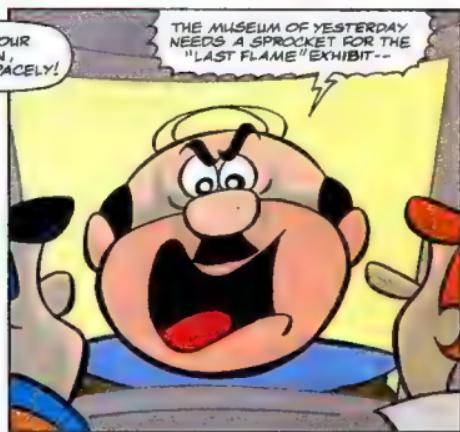
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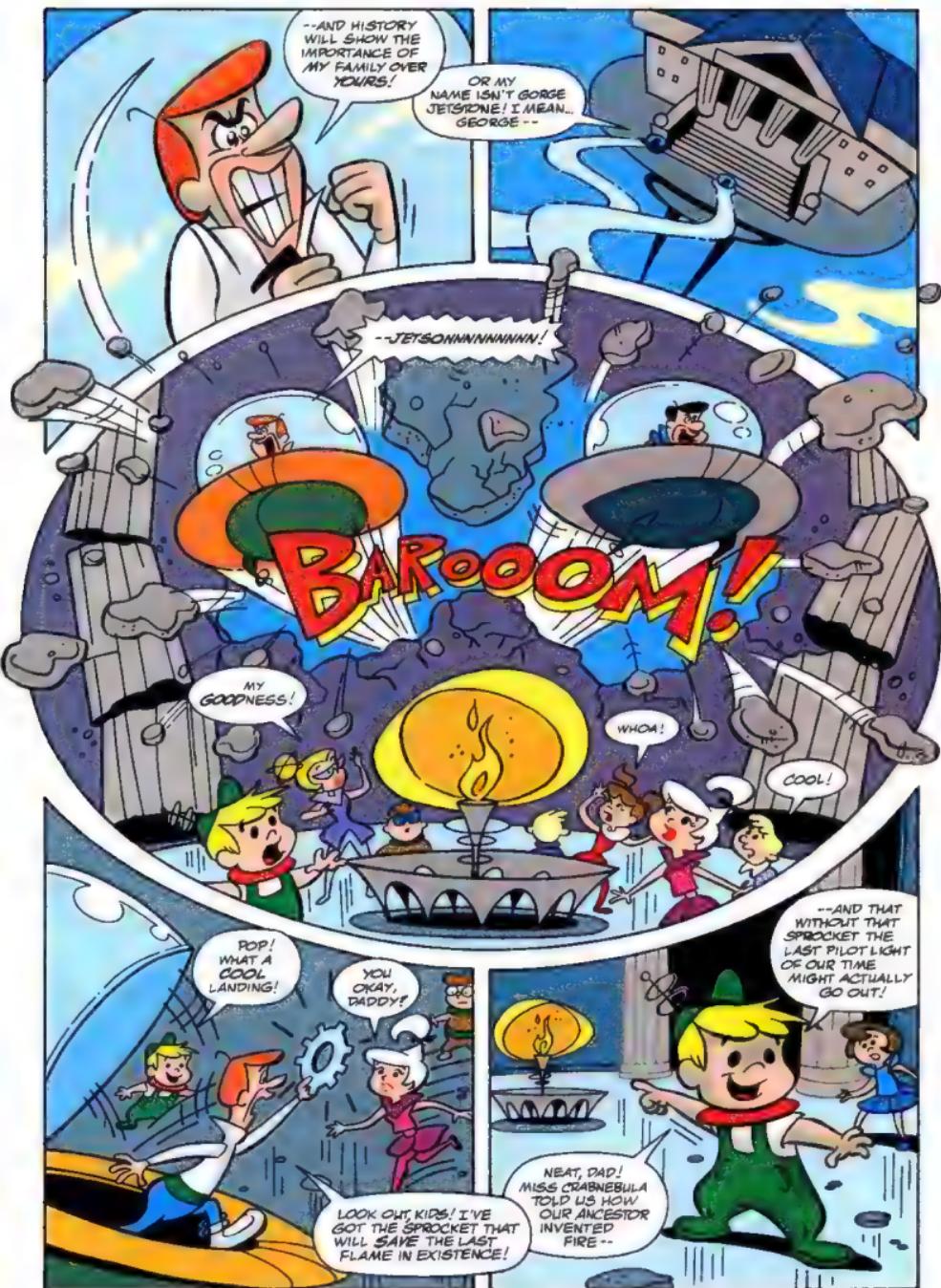
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A calendar is a way of measuring and recording time.

There have been lots of different calendars throughout history.

The ancient Babylonians tried to match up their calendar's months with the regular changes of the moon. (Measuring from one full moon to the next is called a "lunar month.") Unfortunately, they weren't very good at it. To keep their lunar calendar in sync with the seasons, they tried adding an extra month three times every eight years. That didn't work, so finally the **king started ordering an extra month whenever he felt like it.** This went on for hundreds of years, and the Babylonian calendar got pretty **messed up** before they finally switched to another system.

The early Romans used a calendar that wasn't based on

the phases of the moon. They just guessed how long it took for the seasons to repeat (called a "solar year"), and then divided that length of time into ten months. The problem was that they guessed wrong — they thought it took 304 days.

A true solar year actually takes 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. So the Romans took 61 days that happened in the middle of winter and just ignored them. After a few hundred years of that, winter was happening in September. The emperor Julius Caesar decided to fix the calendar by adding some new months and making that particular year 445 days long. **The Romans called it The Year of Confusion** — but at least they got a new month, **July**, named after Julius himself.

People still use different calendars to measure the year. The **Hebrew calendar** starts at the moment they think the world was created; that makes this the year **5757** in the Hebrew system. The **Chinese calendar** is based

on lunar months, with a month that repeats seven times every 19 years. In the Chinese system, this is the year **4634**. **The Islamic calendar** starts with Mohammed's flight to Medina, which makes this the year **1375**. It is a very accurate lunar calendar; with respect to the moon, the Islamic calendar is off just one day every 2,570 years! Most people in America use the **Gregorian calendar** that was worked out by Pope Gregory XIII in the sixteenth century. The Gregorian calendar is based on the solar year; it is so accurate that the difference between the calendar and a real solar year is only about **26 seconds!** And that makes this the year **1997**.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: Dino is a **star** as he becomes the very **first** purple dinosaur on television! And there's trouble in the Space Age when the garbage disposal for the whole **galaxy** breaks down — **P.U!** Look for **The Flintstones** and **The Jetsons** #2 in July. **AND** — Don't miss the great new comic **Seeby-Dee** and **Cartoon Network Presents**, on sale this month!

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